2021 Federal Holidays



Friday, January 1 New Year's Day
Monday, January 18 Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, February 15* Washington's Birthday

Monday, May 31 Memorial Day

Monday, July 5** Independence Day

Monday, September 6 Labor Day

Monday, October 11 Columbus Day

Thursday, November 11 Veterans Day
Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day

Friday, December 24*** Christmas Day

*This holiday is designated as "Washington's Birthday" in section 6103(a) of title 5 of the United States Code, which is the law that specifies holidays for Federal employees. Though other institutions such as state and local governments and private businesses may use other names, it is our policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated in the law.

**July 4, 2021 (the legal public holiday for Independence Day), falls on a Sunday. For most Federal employees, Monday, July 5, will be treated as a holiday for pay and leave purposes. (See 5 U.S.C. 6103(b).)

***December 25, 2021 (the legal public holiday for Christmas Day), falls on a Saturday. For most Federal employees, Friday, December 24, will be treated as a holiday for pay and leave purposes. (See section 3(a) of Executive order 11582, February 11, 1971.)